

U.S. MARSHALS



OPERATION



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U.S. MARSHALS “OPERATION FALCON” BREAKS ALL RECORDS FOR FUGITIVE ARRESTS

SEATTLE, WA – Fugitive Lawrence “Lonnie” Hill was apprehended by Deputy U.S. Marshals of the Western District of Washington and other law enforcement officers at his girlfriend’s North Seattle home on Tuesday, April 5th for firearms violations, malicious mischief, and felony harassment. Hill was one of thousands of fugitives on a list of felons destined for jail during the largest fugitive apprehension operation in American history. Operation FALCON (“Federal And Local Cops Organized Nationally”), which took place from April 4th through April 10th, was an unprecedented cooperative effort among federal, state, and local law enforcement authorities. Over the course of seven days, Deputy U.S. Marshals and their law enforcement partners arrested a total of 10,340 fugitives, and cleared more than 13,800 felony warrants. More than 68 fugitives were arrested in the Puget Sound region, clearing over 86 warrants.

“This was an enormous challenge that produced the largest number of arrests ever recorded by a single operation,” said U.S. Marshal Eric Robertson of the Western District of Washington.

“Locally, the Marshals share this great accomplishment with numerous federal, state, and local agencies that dedicated more than 31 officers to assist us in this seven-day apprehension effort.”

Operation FALCON focused on gang-related crimes, homicides, sexual assaults, kidnappings, unregistered sex offenders, and crimes against children and the elderly. In Western Washington, 522 marijuana plants and 1000 Ecstasy tablet, as well as dangerous weapons and other drugs were seized. Nationally, 243 guns were seized, and drugs were confiscated during 201 arrests. Task force members also arrested 154 gang members, 162 homicide suspects, and 553 sex offenders, and cleared 4,291 drug cases.

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	<u>NATIONALLY</u>	<u>LOCALLY</u>
Warrants Cleared:	13,851	XX
Fugitives Arrested:	10,340	XX

★ Guns Seized: **243**

★ Drug Seizures: **201**

★ Documented Gang Members Arrested: **154**

★ Homicides Cleared: **162**

★ Drug/OCDETF Cases Cleared: **4,291**

★ Sex Offenders Arrested: **553**

Including **106** Unregistered Sex Offenders

A COOPERATIVE EFFORT BY
25 Federal Law Enforcement Agencies
206 State Law Enforcement Agencies
366 Local Police Departments
362 County Sheriffs Departments

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For one week in April 2005, U.S. Marshals combined forces with state, local and other federal agencies nationwide to conduct the largest violent fugitive apprehension operation in history. Operation FALCON resulted in the arrest of thousands of fugitives throughout the U.S., its territories, and internationally. FALCON targeted violent criminals providing justice for the victims of their crimes and the greater safety of our communities.



SEIZED:

- ★ Guns
- ★ Drugs
- ★ Meth Labs
- ★ Vehicles
- ★ Cash
- ★ Real Property



WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

PARTICIPANTS

United States Marshals Service

Washington State Department of Corrections

Washington State Patrol

King County Sheriff's Office

Seattle Police Department

Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Social Security Administration – OIG

Housing and Urban Development – OIG

U.S. Postal Inspection Service

Drug Enforcement Administration

United States Marshals Service



Ishmael HENDRICKS

Ishmael HENDRICKS was wanted on 7 separate felony warrants by the Washington State Department of Corrections, the King County Sheriff's Office, the Pierce County Sheriff's Office, the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, and the City of Everett Police Department.

HENDRICKS, a known Eastside Blood gang member, is considered by the Department of Corrections to be a violent sexual offender. HENDRICKS had warrants for Rape, Burglary, 3 warrants for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender and Obstructing a Peace Officer.

Operation FALCON members searched for HENDRICKS for days before locating him at an apartment in Burlington at 3:00 a.m. on Friday, April 8, 2005. HENDRICKS refused to exit the apartment and, with the assistance of Skagit County Sheriff's Department, FALCON members had to forcibly enter to secure Hendricks's arrest.



WANTED

By U.S. MARSHALS

Name: HENDRICKS,ISHMAEL
Alias: HENDRICKS,ISMAEL EMANUEL;
HENDRICKS,LIONEL A;
HENDRICKS,RANDY
Sex..... MALE
Race..... BLACK
Date of Birth..... 01/13/1979
Place of Birth..... U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS
Height..... 5'10"
Weight..... 145 pounds
Eyes..... BROWN
Hair..... BLACK
Scars/Tattoos..... SCAR BACK; SCAR
CHEST; SCAR
FOREARM, RIGHT;
SCAR SHOULDER, LEFT
Social Security Number..... 580-17-6018



ISHMAEL HENDRICKS IS WANTED BY THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST FUGITIVE APPREHENSION TASK FORCE AND THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.

HENDRICKS IS A KNOWN GANG MEMBER, WHO HAS 7 SEPARATE FELONY WARRANTS FOR HIS ARREST, INCLUDING 4 FELONY WARRANTS FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER.

THE ABOVE SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS INDIVIDUAL, PLEASE CONTACT THE U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE AT (206) 370-8600.

<http://www.usdoj.gov/marshals>

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United States Marshals Service



Lawrence “Lonnie” HILL

Lonnie Hill was wanted by the Seattle Police Department for Firearms Violations, Malicious Mischief and Felony Harassment; stemming from an incident where Hill shot his girlfriend’s car multiple times.

Since 1993, HILL has been arrested 27 times in Western Washington. While not yet arrested on these cases, HILL has been the suspect of numerous recent home invasion robbery and burglary investigations being conducted by a number of different agencies in the Puget Sound area.

Task Force members conducted over 24 hours of surveillance at a north Seattle address beginning on Monday, April 4th. At approximately 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5th, team members spotted HILL leaving a residence.

When confronted, HILL released his pit bull on the officers. After seizing an officer’s leg, the dog was stopped with one shot from the officer’s service weapon. The dog is recuperating.

HILL was arrested by officers and was in possession of a loaded .40 caliber handgun, 5.4 grams of methamphetamine, various tablets of differing prescription medications and other drug paraphernalia.

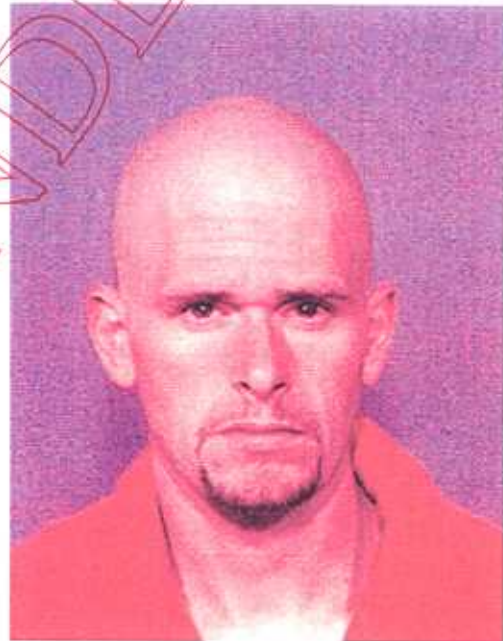


WANTED

By U.S. MARSHALS

Name: HILL,LAWRENCE
Alias: HILL,LARENCE ROBERT; HILL,LONNIE;
MAJOR,SCOTT CHRISTIAN

Sex..... MALE
Race..... WHITE
Date of Birth..... 02/18/1975
Place of Birth..... OREGON
Height..... 5'11"
Weight..... 155 pounds
Eyes..... GREEN
Hair..... BLOND
Scars/Tattoos..... TATTOO ANKLE,
RIGHT; TATTOO CHEST;
TATTOO FOREARM,
RIGHT; TATTOO HAND,
LEFT
Social Security Number..... 541-92-6931



LAWRENCE "LONNIE" HILL IS WANTED BY THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST FUGITIVE APPREHENSION TASK FORCE AND THE SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR WEAPONS VIOLATIONS, HARRASMENT AND MALICIOUS MISCHIEF.

HILL IS WELL KNOWN TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCMENT OFFICIALS, HAS A HISTORY OF ASSAULT AND FIREARMS VIOLATIONS, AND HAS BEEN ARRESTED OVER TWENTY-FIVE TIMES.

THE ABOVE INDIVIDUAL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE CONTACT THE U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE AT (206) 370-8600.

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United States Marshals Service



Brian E. NEAL (Federal)

Brian E. NEAL was wanted by the U.S. Marshals Service and the Drug Enforcement Administration for cocaine distribution. NEAL was a member of a cocaine and marijuana distribution organization operating in Eastern Washington. The case was originally investigated by the Tri-Cities Metro Drug Task Force in Pasco. NEAL had been a fugitive since 2002.

Information was recently developed that Neal may be residing in Western Washington.

During this investigation, Operation FALCON team members located and arrested NEAL in the Bonney Lake area of Pierce County in the early morning hours of Friday, April 8, 2005.

Located in the house where NEAL had been residing was a sophisticated 522 marijuana plant growing operation. The total value of the marijuana plants seized would have been in excess of 1.5 million dollars at maturation.



WANTED

By U.S. MARSHALS

Name: NEAL,BRIAN ELLIS

Alias: HARPER,BRIAN D

Sex..... MALE

Race..... WHITE

Date of Birth..... 07/27/1980

Place of Birth..... WASHINGTON

Height..... 6'00"

Weight..... 195 pounds

Eyes..... BLUE

Hair..... BROWN

Social Security Number..... 536-86-3710



BRIAN E. NEAL IS WANTED BY THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST FUGITIVE APPREHENSION TASK FORCE AND THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION FOR COCAINE DISTRIBUTION.

NEAL WAS A MEMBER OF A COCAINE AND MARIJUANA DISTRIBUTION ORGANIZATION BEING INVESTIGATED BY THE TRI-CITY METRO DRUG TASK FORCE IN PASCO, WA. NEAL HAS BEEN A FUGITIVE SINCE 2002.

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS INDIVIDUAL, PLEASE CONTACT THE U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE AT (206) 370-8600.

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United States Marshals Service



Panhaha K. TANG

Panhaha TANG was wanted by the King County Sheriff's Department for a violent assault. TANG, a known member of the LOKO ASIAN BOYZ street gang, and another gang member beat an acquaintance simply because they wanted the man's gold bracelet.

TANG has previous arrests for Robbery, Burglary, Possessing a Stolen Firearm, and Carrying and Displaying a Weapon to Intimidate a Witness.

Operation FALCON members arrested TANG without incident on Monday, April 4, 2005 when he arrived at his girlfriend's residence in Seattle.



WANTED

By U.S. MARSHALS

Name: TANG,PANHNHA K
Alias: TANG,PANHAHA KEA; TANG,PNHANHA
KIO; TANG,RANHNHA KEO
Sex..... MALE
Race..... ASIAN OR PACIFIC
ISLANDER
Date of Birth..... 06/01/1978
Place of Birth..... USA
Height..... 5'01"
Weight..... 140 pounds
Eyes..... BROWN
Hair..... BLACK
Scars/Tattoos..... TATTOO ABDOMEN;
TATTOO ARM, LEFT
UPPER; TATTOO ARM,
RIGHT; TATTOO NECK
Social Security Number..... 541-04-8065



PANHNHA K. TANG IS WANTED BY THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST FUGITIVE APPREHENSION TASK FORCE AND THE KING COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR AGGRAVATED ASSAULT.

TANG IS A KNOWN GANG MEMBER AND HAS A HISTORY OF WEAPONS VIOLATIONS AND ASSAULT. HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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“Operation FALCON is a striking example of what the Marshals Service does best when apprehending dangerous fugitives,” said Ben Reyna, Director of the Marshals Service. “This operation, which produced the largest number of arrests ever recorded during a single initiative, would not have been possible without the cooperation of our law enforcement partners on the federal, state, and local levels. Working together, we were able to take more than 10,000 fugitives off the streets, making our communities safer for everyone.”

“During Operation FALCON, nearly 960 federal, state, and local agencies helped us identify thousands of the nation’s most dangerous fugitives. They then joined our 83 district-based and five regional fugitive task forces and our three foreign field offices to put more than 3,000 law enforcement officers on the street each day,” explained Director Reyna. “We focused on gang-related crimes, homicides, sexual assaults, kidnappings, major drug dealers, unregistered sex offenders, crimes against children and the elderly, and weapons violations, and the results speak for themselves.”

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An example of one such arrest was that of Anthony Thompson, who was wanted in Hartford, Connecticut, for murder and assault after shooting three individuals during an altercation in a restaurant. One individual was killed and the two others were seriously injured. While the Marshals Service, the Hartford Police Department, the Connecticut State Police, and the Connecticut Department of Probation actively pursued their investigation, the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement determined that Thompson had fled to Jamaica, where he had relatives. Leads were forwarded to the USMS foreign field office in Kingston, Jamaica, where Deputy U.S. Marshals, working in coordination with the Jamaica Constabulary Force, located Thompson at his mother's residence. Thompson is being detained pending extradition back to Connecticut.

The arrest of D'Andre ("Lunatic") Evans in Cobb County, Georgia, by Operation FALCON task force members was another example of the cooperative efforts of this initiative. Evans, a "Cripps" gang member from Compton, California, was a suspect in numerous murder cases, and was on Cobb County's "most wanted fugitives" list. Evans was apprehended as a result of the

federal and local agencies combining their resources and investigative skills. “Evans truly was one of the most dangerous men in America,” said U.S. Marshal Richard Mecum from the Northern District of Georgia. “When apprehended, he and his associates are believed to have been planning additional murders in the Six Flags area of Cobb County.”

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FACT SHEET Fugitive Investigations

The Marshals Service is the federal government's primary agency for conducting investigations involving: escaped federal prisoners; probation, parole and bond violators; and fugitives based on warrants generated during drug investigations. The Marshals Service is the custodian of all federal arrest warrants until execution or dismissal, and for more than 20 years the agency has specialized in apprehending fugitives. In fiscal 2004, the Marshals Service apprehended more than 36,000 federal fugitives, clearing 39,000 federal felony warrants. This is more than all other law enforcement agencies combined. Working with authorities at federal, state and local levels, Marshals Service-led fugitive task forces arrested an additional 31,600 state and local fugitive felons, clearing 37,900 state and local felony warrants.

Domestic Investigations

15 Most Wanted Fugitive Program

The Marshals Service established the *15 Most Wanted* Fugitive Program in 1983 to prioritize the investigation and apprehension of some of the country's most dangerous and high-profile fugitives. These offenders tend to be career criminals with histories of violence, and they pose a significant threat to public safety. Current and past *15 Most Wanted* fugitives include murderers, sex offenders, major drug kingpins, organized crime figures and individuals wanted for high-profile financial crimes. They are generally considered the "worst of the worst." Cases may be drawn from: Marshals Service primary jurisdiction cases; cases sent to a Marshals Service fugitive task force by another federal agency; state/local cases that have been adopted by Marshals Service task forces; or cases referred to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Since the program began, 175 of the *15 Most Wanted* fugitives have been arrested. In fiscal 2004, the Marshals Service captured 10 of them.

Major Case Fugitive Program

To supplement the *15 Most Wanted* Fugitive Program, the Marshals Service established the Major Case Fugitive Program in 1985. Major

cases garner a stronger focus within the agency and receive more resources from Marshals Service headquarters than do regular cases.

District Fugitive Task Forces

The Marshals Service has a long history of providing assistance and expertise to other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in support of their fugitive investigations. The Marshals Service currently leads 83 full-time district fugitive task forces across the country. In addition, the agency leads ad-hoc fugitive task forces which operate in response to a targeted group of fugitives or a specific case — such as when an inmate escapes from prison. District fugitive task forces are the backbone of the Marshals Service fugitive apprehension efforts. Combining the resources of Marshals Service district offices with other federal, state and local agencies, these task forces provide an extremely effective network of investigators dedicated to catching fugitives. The success of the district task forces, which began more than 20 years ago, paved the way for Congress to fund five regional fugitive task forces.

Regional Fugitive Task Forces

The Presidential Threat Protection Act of 2000 (Pub. L. No. 106-544) established permanent fugitive apprehension task forces consisting of federal, state and local law enforcement authorities in designated regions of the United States "to be directed and coordinated by the United States Marshals Service." The purpose of these regional fugitive task forces (RFTFs) is to combine the efforts of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to locate and arrest the most dangerous fugitives and to serve as the focal point for information sharing concerning fugitive matters. The Marshals Service currently operates five RFTFs — New York/New Jersey, Pacific Southwest, Great Lakes, Southeast and Capital Area. These task forces have significantly enhanced the Marshals Service's fugitive apprehension program. In fiscal 2004, RFTFs closed nearly 14,000 felony warrants by arrest, including 587 warrants for homicide.

Domestic Investigations Branch

The Domestic Investigations Branch of the Marshals Service's Investigative Services Division develops, manages and oversees programs related to domestic fugitive investigations. One such program is the Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force — OCDETF — created to identify, investigate and prosecute high level money laundering and narcotics organizations. Another program is HIDTA — High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas — aimed at reducing drug-related crimes and violence in designated locations. The Marshals Service also participates in Project Safe Neighborhoods and takes part in Violent Crime Impact Teams — companion initiatives aimed at reducing gun violence. The Marshals Service has numerous, formal agreements whereby it goes after other agencies' fugitives, and it works with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to locate and arrest fugitives wanted for crimes against children. The Marshals Service also combats gang violence by prioritizing investigations of violent fugitives with ties to gangs. In support of the agency's fugitive mission, the Domestic Investigations Branch oversees liaison activities with the El Paso (Texas) Intelligence Center and is developing new programs such as the Financial Surveillance Unit, which tracks fugitives through financial means.

International Investigations Branch

The Marshals Service is responsible for tracking fugitives who flee the territorial boundaries of the United States, and the agency has also been designated by the Department of Justice to locate and apprehend fugitives wanted by foreign nations who are believed to be in the United States. The Marshals Service has the statutory responsibility to extradite international and foreign fugitives after they are captured. In fiscal 2004, the Marshals Service successfully completed a record 541 extraditions from 56 different countries. The Marshals Service has established foreign field offices in Mexico, Jamaica and the Dominican Republic. The Marshals Service has also established a law enforcement liaison program along the borders of Mexico and Canada. In support of international fugitive investigations, Marshals Service chief inspectors currently serve as assistant directors for the alien/fugitive units at Interpol headquarters in Lyon, France, and Interpol's United States National Central Bureau (USNCB) in Washington, D.C. For the first time in history, a senior manager from the Marshals Service serves as the director of the USNCB. Also, a Marshals Service chief inspector serves as a liaison at the Department of Justice's Office of International Affairs. To further extend its investigative reach to foreign locations, the Marshals Service provides special deputations to approximately 400 regional security officers with the Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service (DSS). These officers serve at embassies and consulates around the world. To facilitate worldwide coordination, the Department of State has assigned an agent from the DSS to the Marshals Service's International Investigations Branch.

Analytical Support Unit

The Analytical Support Unit is a team of analysts that provides tactical and strategic expertise to Marshals Service operations. The unit evaluates all reported inappropriate communications and threats to federal judicial employees. It researches and analyzes information during fugitive investigations and oversees special information systems used by the Marshals Service, including the Warrant Information Network — the agency's central, law enforcement information system.

Technical Operations Group (TOG)

Electronic Surveillance Unit

The Electronic Surveillance Unit (ESU) provides covert investigative and intelligence support for the Marshals Service's major cases and *15 Most Wanted* fugitive investigations. In addition, ESU provides assistance when requested by other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to solve complex criminal investigations or crimes of violence. ESU achieves a very successful case clearance rate by deploying some of the most sophisticated technologies available. ESU members: help prepare court orders; serve as expert witnesses in the field of electronic surveillance; and train law enforcement personnel from the United States and the international law enforcement community in the use of electronic surveillance. ESU maintains a central monitoring facility and electronic surveillance operation centers, with field offices throughout the United States.

Aviation Support Unit

The TOG Aviation Support Unit provides aerial surveillance, electronic tracking and other aerial platform functions in support of Marshals Service operations. TOG aircraft provide vital intelligence during the investigation, arrest and prosecution of some of the country's most dangerous fugitives.

Tactical Support Unit

The Tactical Support Unit provides support to Marshals Service districts, task forces, fugitive investigations, prisoner operations, special operations and judicial security/witness security details. It also provides force protection measures during Marshals Service missions — including covert audio, video, alarms and sensors, as well as other techniques and applications necessary to protect Marshals Service personnel and protectees. The unit includes the Operational Wireless Communications Support (OWCS) Group, which provides digital, narrowband, encrypted wireless communications in support of Marshals Service operations. OWCS maintains a cache of radio and satellite communications equipment as well as tactical repeaters, base stations, portable tower trailers and other specialized gear. The Tactical Support Unit also has personnel trained to conduct technical surveillance countermeasures — which protect government property and sensitive information as well as identify technical surveillance devices and hazards.